

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 95-844-E - ORDER NO. 95-1736✓  
DECEMBER 14, 1995

IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company for	)	ORDER
Approval of an Integrated Resource	)	RULING ON
Plan (IRP).	)	DUKE POWER
	)	COMPANY'S
	)	1995 IRP

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the December 8, 1995, Motion of Duke Power Company (Duke) which requests that the Commission approve Duke's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

Duke filed its 1995 IRP on April 28, 1995. Subsequent to the usual Notice, two parties intervened in the proceeding, the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) and Charles B. Mierek. Since Duke's April 1995 filing, according to Duke, no parties have formally identified any specific issues. Duke filed a Motion on September 19, 1995 to revise the 1995 IRP procedure to allow the Consumer Advocate and the Commission Staff the opportunity to discuss Duke's IRP and raise any issues. The Motion stated that Duke believed that any issues the parties might have could be resolved in this matter; thus, a formal hearing would not be needed under the Commission's newly established procedures.

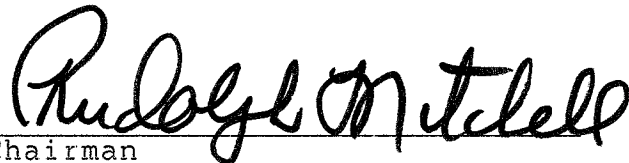
On September 28, 1995, the Commission granted Duke's Motion in Order No. 95-1576, dated September 28, 1995. Pursuant to that Order, the Commission established deadlines for intervenors to file any issues. On November 1, 1995, Charles Mierek filed a letter with the Commission that stated he was not going to file an issues list nor participate in any hearing. On November 17, 1995, the Consumer Advocate notified the parties of record that he had no outstanding issues with Duke's IRP. Since no party has formally raised any issues with Duke's IRP, Duke requests that the Commission find that a hearing is not necessary. According to Duke, this is consistent with the Commission's prior Order, which states that "[t]he hearing will focus on the specific issues of concern and/or the points of disagreement resulting within the conference process pertaining to the utility's compliance with the established IRP procedures." Order No. 91-1002, dated November 6, 1991 in Docket No. 87-223-E. Considering the fact that no issues have been raised with regards to Duke's 1995 IRP, the Commission hereby grants Duke's request, and finds that a hearing is not necessary.

The Commission notes that the goal of the IRP process, pursuant to the above-stated Order, is to develop a plan that results in the minimization of the long run total costs of Duke's overall system and produces the least cost to the consumer, consistent with the availability of an adequate and reliable supply of electricity, while maintaining system flexibility and considering environmental impacts.

The Commission has examined Duke's 1995 IRP in light of this standard, and finds that the Duke IRP is reasonably consistent with the Commission's IRP procedures, and that since no parties have any outstanding issues, that no hearing is necessary, and the hearing originally scheduled is hereby cancelled. We find that the Duke 1995 IRP is reasonably consistent with the Commission's IRP objectives, and filing and reporting procedures as established under Docket No. 87-223-E.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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